

Community Board 7 Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2025

Adoption of Agenda

- Moved to adopt – Pat Ruiz
- Seconded – Karen Rolnick
 - Passed by unanimous consent.

Adoption of November 19, 2025 Minutes

- Moved to adopt – Damien Andrade
- Seconded – Sam Sierra
 - Passed by unanimous consent.

Public Comment

- Trey McGee from Target Margin Theater discussed upcoming events and provided information about classes and rehearsal space.
- Suyapa Blanco from United Senior Center noted the upcoming holiday party on 12/19.
- Kim Randolph-Voronof from Samaritan Daytop Village Men's shelter at 49th St discussed the shelter and invited members to sign up for the shelter's community advisory board.

Committee Reports

Education, Health, and Human Services – *Jonathan Martinez*

- Committee heard a presentation from Baltic Street Wellness about mental health holistic support and healing programs and received information about chronic disease management from Shivani Mohabir of One Brooklyn Health Service.
- Committee also heard a presentation from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene re: breast cancer
- Medical Aid in Dying Act, which the Board previously voted to support, has become law after being signed by Governor Hochul.

Public Safety – *Cynthia Felix-Jeffers*

- Committee met via Zoom to hear a presentation from FDNY re: holiday safety, especially regarding Christmas Trees, extension cords, and e-bikes.
 - FDNY also has free smoke/carbon monoxide detectors available, as well as community educational materials.
- Public Safety Committee will host CPR Training in the Spring.
- Committee also heard a presentation from 72 Precinct Domestic Violence Prevention officers about their programs and services.
 - Committee emphasized need for expanded outreach and signage about these programs to help support community members in need.
- The owner and the attorney for Maison Isabella on 1st Ave, across from Brooklyn Army Terminal, presented their application for a liquor license.
 - Restaurant will have a rooftop venue, which will be made ADA compliant with an elevator.
 - Facility will also have a parking lot and is not on a residential block.
 - Applicant plans to be open 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Sunday and will have space for events such as weddings.
 - They plan to use local vendors for security and AV services.

- Cynthia Felix-Jeffers moved to approve the liquor license application for Maison Isabella at 5714 1st Ave. The motion was seconded by Damien Andrade and passed via unanimous consent.

Transportation – *Katie Walsh*

- Committee met on 12/10 and heard feedback re: 54th St between 5th and 6th Avenue, which is the site of an Open Street for LEEP charter school.
- School representatives, neighbors, parents, and students spoke about the impacts of the Open Street and discussed how the school has made changes such as signage to help improve access to the block for emergency vehicles and neighbors.
- The Committee also discussed priority intersections and corridors, and plans to submit a list of these to the new administration. Please send additional locations of interest to bk07@cb.nyc.gov.
- Walsh provided a report back on a recent Greenway walk from Hamilton Ave to 29th St. This area has a sidewalk bike lane, and the Committee forwarded issues to DOT such as how buses now must load and discharge passengers into the bike lane.
 - The committee wants to recognize this infrastructure with a ribbon cutting in Spring. More details will be announced soon.
- Walsh provided recap of 3rd Avenue business engagement walkthrough which included discussions with local businesses and neighbors about safety issues on 3rd Ave and about the 3rd Avenue Street Improvement Plan.
- The committee also heard the application to co-name Prospect Park West between 16th St and Windsor Place in honor of Joseph Longobardi.
 - Longobardi was a longtime board member, whose extensive service included serving in various leadership positions including chair. Longobardi also contributed extensively to the Board's 197-A plan.
 - Longobardi was also noted for his businesses, and the impacts these had and the support they provided for the local community.
 - Patr Ruiz, Joan Botti, and Grisel Amador spoke in support of the co-naming, noting Longobardi's collegiality and his work with efforts such as the school selection committee, the creation of Bush Terminal Park, and how he worked to organize neighbors and members to support various community initiatives.

Second Roll Call

Elected Officials

These Elected Officials Reported:

- NY State Senator Andrew Gounardes – *himself, and represented by Francesca Lando*
- NY State Senator Stephen T. Chan – *represented by Ray Morales*
- Congressmember Dan Goldman – *himself, and represented by Jessica Bravo*
- NY City Councilmember Shahana Hanif – *represented by Iqra Shafiq*
- NY State Assemblymember Robert Carroll – *represented by Sean Gurl*
- Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso – *represented by Miguel Arias*
- NY State Assemblymember Marcela Mitaynes
- NY City Councilmember Susan Zhuang – *represented by Fedir Usmanov*
- NY City Councilmember Alexa Avilés – *represented by Rob Aguilar*
- NYC Mayor Eric Adams – *represented by Anastasia Yaskova*

Chairperson's Report - Julio Peña III

- Peña Julio Pena III thanked Edgar Alvarez from the Sunset Park Empowerment Center for donating refreshments for the holiday party.

District Manager's Report - Jeremy Laufer

- Laufer thanked Natasha Cordero for their work on the CB7 toy drive and noted the support of Grisel Amador and United Senior Center of Sunset Park, who provided generous donations in support of the annual toy drive.
- Jeremy Laufer will be retiring in February.

Old and New Business

- Cynthia Jeffers announced that the Sunset Park Lions Club will host their annual Three Kings Day event on January 10 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and will distribute toys to attendees of this event.
- Katie Walsh noted that NYC is developing an Industrial Plan. While the Board missed the deadline for comments, the Waterfront/Economic Development and Transportation Committees will host a joint meeting to better understand the implications of the plan for CB7's community.
- Jeremy Kaplan stated concerns about the NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC)'s plan to partner with Public Records to open a music/arts venue in building A of the MADE campus.
 - This facility was supposed to be a community event space; this new lease is part of a pattern of questionable behavior from EDC. Kaplan urged the Board and community work to hold EDC accountable for how it uses taxpayer-subsidized/funded spaces.
- Edgar Alvarez presented a plaque on behalf of the Sunset Park Empowerment Coalition in recognition of CB7's members and staff for their service to the neighborhood.

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